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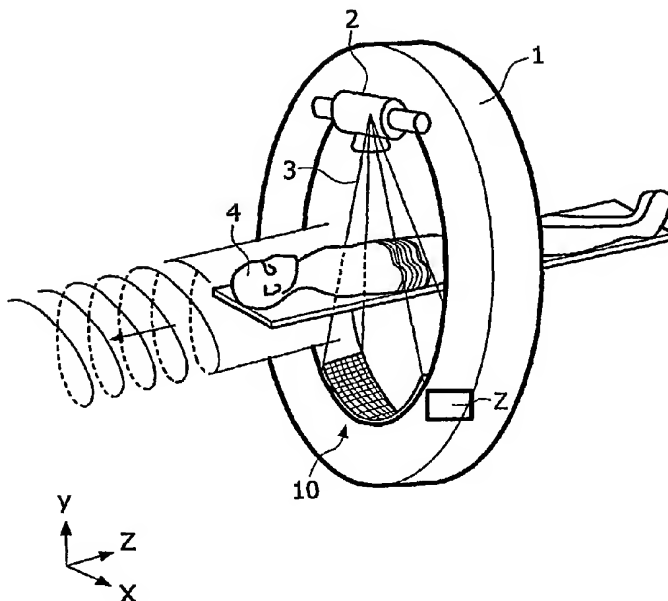
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(57) Abstract: A detector arrangement (10) for detecting and transferring detector signals to a processing unit is described. This detector arrangement is provided in particular for use in a computer tomograph for high-resolution detection of X-rays, the processing unit being in the form of a central processing unit or buffer memory (Z) on a rotatable portion of a gantry (1). To transfer the detector signals with the minimum number of contacts or plug-in connectors also in the case of a high-resolution detector arrangement (10), this comprises at least one detector module having a plurality of individual detector elements as well as an electrical unit having an electro-optical transducer for processing the signals of the detector elements and for generating optical detector module output signals.



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1. claim: 1 2 4 5

A radiation detector circuit containing both an A/D and a P/S converter for generating a serial, digital, detector output signal.

1.1. claim: 6 7

A detector module comprising a CMOS chip.

2. claim: 3

The use of an opto-electrical transducer.

3. claim: 8 9 10 11

A detector module with a cable duct, guide rails, module connectors and printed circuit board backplate.

4. claim: 12 13

A computer tomograph (CT) with optically connected detector arrays and wireless transmission of the output signal to the central processor.
